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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: Bruce T. Johnson
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SUBJECT: Results of Joint STAP/ODP/OCR Meeting on SAFE
Options, 16 April 1980

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1. On 16 April 1980, the Directors of OCR and ODP met with Dr. [REDACTED] of the Science and Technology Advisory Panel (STAP) to discuss follow-on actions to be taken as a result of the 10 April meeting with the DCI on STAP's recommendations for the SAFE project. Staff personnel from the two offices, from STAP, and from the Science and Technology Intelligence Committee (STIC) were also present. The discussion resulted in agreement in the following steps:

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a. Dr. [REDACTED] will meet with Mr. [REDACTED] of OCR/SAS and a representative from the Consolidated SAFE Project Officer (CSPO) on Tuesday, 22 April. They will review the experimental work being done in the OCR Operating Procedures Development Laboratory (OPDL) and sketch out additional approaches to the measurement of human factors which may not be covered by OPDL's current work. Interim SAFE will be reviewed to determine how it would need to be modified to contribute to the process of studying the human factors and usage patterns relevant to the development of a system like SAFE. The results of this review will be evaluated by OCR and ODP to determine the feasibility of making the proposed changes. STATINTL

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b. Dr. [REDACTED] will meet with Mr. [REDACTED] Director of the Information Resources Office (IRO) of the Community Resources Management Staff to discuss the STAP recommendations regarding actions to develop a Community-wide data communications system. (Shortly after the meeting I called Mr. [REDACTED] to advise him of this. He was delighted and said he plans to call Dr. [REDACTED] to set up the meeting.) In the course of the discussion, recent IRO and Information Handling Committee (IHC) initiatives were outlined, including progress on the so-called Community RECON STATINTL

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system and the issuance of an RFP for a study of Intelligence Community telecommunications.

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c. Dr. [REDACTED] in coordination with Mr. [REDACTED], D/CSPO, will set up visits by ODP and OCR personnel to organizations or installations where systems with SAFE-like characteristics may be observed and studied.

d. The question of a charter for a proposed Advisory Counsel on Technology (ACT) was deferred, but is to be discussed in the near future between Dr.

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[REDACTED] It was agreed that the charter would specify that ACT would have no line responsibilities but be advisory to the line managers responsible for developing SAFE.

e. Plans to invite the STAP to send representatives to the quarterly SAFE Steering Committee meetings were confirmed.

2. During the meeting the resources needed for expansion of efforts to study human factors and for modifying Interim SAFE were frequently alluded to, and emphasis was placed on the need for people as well as dollars. The STAP suggested the use of rehired annuitants to help with the study of the ways in which analytical methods may be changed by the availability of computer services. Although it was not specifically addressed, it seemed implicit that the discussions described in para. 1. a. above should result, among other things, in a joint statement of resource needs which can be submitted to the Comptroller for his consideration.

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